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title: Regarding extension of time of Inquiry Committee.

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as you may recall, on 25 July, 2016 I made an announcement in the House regarding constitution of a nine-Member Inquiry Committee to probe into the incident of serious breach of security of the Parliament House by the improper conduct of Shri Bhagwant Mann, MP by videographing and posting critical footage of Parliament House Complex on a social media. The Committee was requested to submit its Report not later than 3 August, 2016.

I have since received a request from Dr. Kirit Somaiya, hon. chairperson of the Inquiry Committee submitting that in view of gravity of the matter the unanimous view among Members of the Committee was that for doing justice to the remit of the Committee, they need some more time as some more witnesses have to be examined and certain critical issues have to be examined in depth. The Chairperson has, therefore, sought extension of time for further two weeks.

On due consideration of grounds and reasons stated, I have acceded to the request for extension of two weeks more time with effect from 4 August, 2016.

As earlier observed by me, in view of seriousness of matter Shri Bhagwant Mann, MP is further advised not to attend the sittings of the House until a decision is taken in the matter.

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